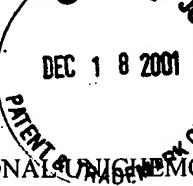


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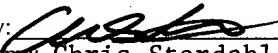
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application prior to examination as follows.

In the claims:

1. (Once amended) A method of forming an intermediate compound for preparing a target compound with different functionality comprising:
(a) preparing two or more protection groups comprising building block units linked together;
(b) forming a protected compound comprising two or more protection groups, wherein at least two of the protection groups contain a different number of building block units;
(b) removing a terminal building block unit of each protection group using one or more chemical, electrochemical, or photolytic reactions to produce an exposed functional group;